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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the non-final Office action dated May 1, 2007. A three-month period for response was set, making a reply due on or before August 1, 2007. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

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